



THURSDAY EVENING, SEP. 28, 1905.

THAT THE Equitable Life Assurance Society has for years been furnishing the funds with which its officers and directors engaged in syndicate operations, and that the profits from these operations are most difficult of discovery from the books, was clearly established at yesterday's hearing before the Armstrong legislative committee in New York. The principal witness was H. R. Winthrop, financial manager of the Equitable. From his testimony it was shown that the "and associates" syndicates which have figured so largely in the Equitable scandal were in full and regular command of the society's funds. That these syndicates realized profits was proven, but Mr. Winthrop confessed repeatedly his inability to find where the profits realized from this use of the society's money had been paid into its treasury, or, at least, entered upon its books. It was shown that \$110,234, representing profits which should have gone to the Equitable in syndicate transactions, was either missing altogether or unaccounted for on the society's books, and that campaign gifts and lobbyist's fees were paid from the notorious \$685,000.

A NATIONAL BANK, in Pittsburg, is the institution which Homer L. Castle, prohibition candidate for Superior Court judge, of Pennsylvania, Tuesday night charged, in his Greensburg speech, with having loaned \$75,000 on notes endorsed by ex-State Senator Arthur Kennedy, Francis J. Torrence, the Allegheny city leader, and ex-State Senator William H. Andrews, on condition that a State deposit of \$100,000 be placed with the bank. It seems that many of the big banking institutions in the north are now using the people's money for political purposes and to keep the republican party in power in cities and States as well as the country at large.

ANNOUNCEMENT is made in Richmond that plans for the reception of President Roosevelt, October 18, so far arranged include a luncheon to cost \$10 a plate and to be enjoyed by 300 persons. The head of the nation is to speak in the Capitol Square, but there will be no reception. He is to be closely guarded while there by the Richmond Howitzers. This is new Richmond. In the old and better days neither artillery, sabres nor muskets would have been required to guard a President; neither would a money-making banquet have been given where any one would pay the price could put his legs under the mahogany with the chief executive.

FOOD and fodder are going to be abundant for another year. The Department of Agriculture reports that from 75 to 90 per cent. of the corn is safe from frost, and the rest will be in another week. Secretary Wilson adds as the result of his own observation that the reports of enormous crops are not exaggerations. In the Dakotas the small grain crops are the best for six or seven years, and in half a dozen of the northwestern States the corn crop is the best ever known. The prosperity of the farmers makes the whole country prosperous.

A PLAN to give all survivors of the civil war a pension of \$12 a month will be proposed to President Roosevelt by Corporal James Tanner, former commissioner of pensions and recently elected commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic. The plan is incorporated in a service pension bill prepared by the Grand Army and endorsed at three successive national encampments. Corporal Tanner will take up the matter with the President in the near future. The G. O. P. will use its utmost endeavor to prevent a surplus ever existing in the treasury.

THE Gazette's Richmond correspondent telegraphed yesterday concerning the approaching visit of President Roosevelt to that city: "The President directs that he be under heavy guard during his entire visit." There was a time in Richmond when such a "direction" would have been met by a prompt withdrawal of the invitation to visit that city, but times change and men change with them. There are no "King killers" in Virginia and the President is as safe within her borders as he is within the walls of the well guarded White House.

IN REFERENCE to the statement that he aided in having federal troops brought into the State during President Grant's administration, Judge Lewis, now the republican candidate for Governor of Virginia, says he acted upon the evidence before him, and that he merely did his sworn duty in the premises, for which he had no apology to make to any one. But the people of Virginia will administer to him a severe rebuke on the seventh of November next.

SECRETARY TAFT, who has just returned from his junketing tour, says the independence of the Philippines must

be postponed—until another generation. This was Spain's reply to the Philippines for three hundred years.

From Washington.

(Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.)

Washington, D. C., Sept. 28. Dependent over family troubles, Armstead M. Herrell, white, 43 years old, of Berryville, Va., committed suicide by inhaling illuminating gas at 1004 6th street, n. w., last night, in the bath room of his former home. His lifeless body was discovered about 7:30 this morning by his young son, Hardee, who was sent to find his father. Herrell failed to return home last night and as he had often declared that he would end all his troubles some day and had made attempts on his life before, Mrs. Herrell became alarmed when her husband did not come home last night, and sent her son to find him. The sight that greeted the young boy when he discovered his father prone upon the floor of the bath room in the vacant house with a rubber tube protruding from his mouth and the window cracks stuffed with paper and all the signs that indicated premeditated suicide, made the child frantic with grief. His first act was to run to his home on K street where the family had moved from the 6th street house and notify his mother. A passing policeman was notified. The coroner investigated the case later, giving a certificate of suicide. Herrell, who came to this city from Berryville, several months ago, to seek employment, is a jobbing contractor and expected to procure work in Washington. About a month ago all the money that he had saved was used up in keeping the family in the bare necessities of life. This was the first time that his declaration to end his life was made manifest to his wife. Twice since that time he has tried to commit suicide. Arrangements for the funeral have not been made. The body of the unfortunate man was turned over to Undertaker Lee to await final disposition.

Civil Governor Magoon of the canal zone cables the Isthmian Canal Commission today as follows regarding yesterday's conflagration at Colon: "Seventeen houses burned; estimated loss \$75,000. Insignificant damage to railway warehouse. One hundred and fifty burned out, temporary provisions being made to house them."

Musical Shot by Woman.

Mrs. Jennie L. May, 32 years old, met Lucien Conen, 22 years old, a musician in the United States Marine Band, at the corner of Seventh and E streets southeast Washington, last night and, pulling a revolver from the folds of her dress, shot him in the back. The bullet passed through Conen's lungs, and the physicians at Providence Hospital, where he was taken, say that he is in a critical condition. The parties to the shooting were together only a few minutes and had spoken only one or two words. Mrs. May says that she shot Conen because he circulated slanderous reports regarding her character. Mrs. May's husband is also a member of the Marine Band. It appears that they had quarreled last night over something Conen had told a fellow-member of the band concerning Mrs. May which had reached the ears of her husband. Mrs. May was arrested and taken to the fifth precinct police station. She refused to discuss the shooting.

Accidentally Shot.

Albert Overstreet, of Montvale, was accidentally shot at the fair grounds at Roanoke yesterday afternoon by Detective Albert Baldwin as the result of interfering with the arrest of pickpockets William Baldwin and Albert and John Copenhaver caught three men picking the pockets of Ballard Wyrick, of Pulaski. They arrested the men. While they were taking them out of the grounds Overstreet rushed up, endeavored to take the prisoner from Copenhaver and made a motion as if to draw a gun. Albert Baldwin struck him on the head with his pistol and it was discharged, the ball taking effect in the left side of Overstreet. Overstreet was taken to the hospital and it is said that his condition is very serious. He denied making any attempt to take the prisoner, and said he did not know anything about the trouble or who struck him. Parties from Bedford say he is half-witted.

Divorce Granted to Richard K. Fox.

Richard K. Fox received a decree of absolute divorce in New York yesterday, it having been established that Mrs. Helen A. Fox, at 58 years of age and after 20 years of matrimony, eloped with Alfred Stein, a beardless young officer of the Hungarian army, under the name of "Helen Fox," which is a rather free translation into German of "Helen Fox." Mrs. Fox, according to the testimony, sailed with Stein, who was booked on the steamship New York as "Alfred O. Freiberg," on January 21, 1904, while her husband and a son by a former marriage were at Palm Beach, Florida, for their health. They returned in October and Mrs. Fox visited the young military man at his lodging for some weeks. Then they eloped for good and are now living in Paris.

A Generous Bequest.

James L. Bowen, an aged resident of Craig county, who long ago was a pupil in the blind department of the State School for the Deaf and the Blind at Staunton, dying last month left a farm and other property valued at \$5,000 to the institution to provide for girls and Christmas presents for the poor pupils there. The board says that each pupil is provided for at Christmas, yet the deceased probably had in mind that some of the pupils there are so friendless that they come to the school very lightly clad and that those who are friendless should have "a Christmas box from home" like unto the rest.

New W. C. T. U. Officers.

At the meeting of the State Woman's Christian Temperance Union in Portsmouth yesterday officers for the coming year were elected, as follows: Mrs. Howard M. Hoge, of Richmond, president; Mrs. Lillian A. Shepherd, of Norfolk, secretary; Mrs. Faith Thomas Parrott, of Henrico county, recording secretary; Mrs. E. B. Clement, of Chesterfield county, treasurer.

News of the Day.

The Episcopal convention of the Diocese of New York voted against division yesterday.

Bishop Potter, of New York, in his triennial charge to the clergy of his diocese, declares that climatic conditions and the manner of modern American living demand the observance of the Sabbath.

The grand jury's investigation of the alleged election frauds in Richmond has been completed, and the jury now is engaged in preparing its report. It is understood that there will be no additional indictments found.

The First National Bank, of Orrville, O., yesterday closed its doors by order of the Comptroller of the Currency, on account of a continuous run upon the bank. George T. Cutts, national bank examiner, has been appointed receiver. This is a small bank with a capital of \$25,000.

It is probable that Congressman John Sharp Williams, of Mississippi, the floor leader of the House, will make several speeches in Virginia in behalf of Congressman Swanson's candidacy. A barbecue has already been arranged for him at Salem, where he is to appear October 20. Senator-elect Isador Rayner, of Maryland, also has promised to lend a helping hand to the democrats of Virginia.

A semi-official note issued in Paris Tuesday evening, after a lengthy conference at the Foreign Office between Prince von Radolin, Premier Rouvier, Dr. Rosen, the new German minister to Morocco, and M. Revoll, former Governor of Algiers, who has represented France in the negotiations with Dr. Rosen, states that the negotiators entirely agreed on the French point of view relative to the Moroccan situation.

A dispatch from Gothenburg, Sweden, says that a severe earthquake was felt at 1:30 p. m. Tuesday at Lundby, Hisingen Island. It cracked the walls of houses and fissured the surface of the ground. Subterranean rumblings were quickly followed by the violent rocking of houses and the splitting of inner and outer walls, driving the inmates to seek safety in the open air. In many places fissures a foot wide were opened up while the level of the ground in the eastern part of the island sank appreciably. The disturbances lasted a minute.

The liner Korea, arrived at San Francisco yesterday from the Orient. Among her passengers were Secretary of War Taft and most of the members of a party which left with him for the far East on the Manchuria on July 8 last. In a lengthy interview Secretary Taft described the journey made by his party, cutting also its purposes. He says he and his party were warmly received wherever they stopped. They lunched with the Emperor of Japan. He spoke of the improvement of the government of Manila but said the political situation is not as good as it should be. The question of independence was discussed, but he says this must be postponed until another generation.

The fire in Colon yesterday broke out in a building next to the residence of the Spanish Consul and soon destroyed the Phoenix Hotel, an American owned building, and two other hotels, several liquor saloons and several tenement buildings. Rowley Building, containing the postoffice, the offices of the municipality, of Governor Melendez, the port inspectors, the judiciary and other offices, together with the Treasury Building, also were burned. Nearly all the records and documents of the Government were destroyed. The burned region comprises two blocks. The American residential quarter was not touched. The sanitary authorities are erecting tents in the fire zone to shelter the homeless.

Death of W. H. Peckham.

W. H. Peckham, the well-known lawyer, died yesterday in his office at 80 Broadway, New York. His death was sudden, for when he started for his office from his summer home in Morristown, N. J., yesterday morning, he was feeling better than he had for some time.

Wheeler Hazard Peckham was born in Albany in 1833 and came from a family of lawyers. His father was Rufus W. Peckham, who was elected district attorney of Albany county in 1838, and who perished in the wreck of the Villa du Havre, November 22, 1873.

In politics Mr. Peckham was a democrat, although he always insisted on his right to refuse to support unworthy candidates. He was frequently delegated to State and national conventions, and his opinion and advice were always welcomed.

In January, 1894, President Cleveland nominated Mr. Peckham for the Supreme Court at a time when he was president of the New York State Bar Association. The nomination, however, was not confirmed by the Senate, because of the opposition of the New York senators to Mr. Peckham's anti-machine democracy. In 1896 he took a firm stand in favor of sound money.

Tore up Verdict.

As a coroner's jury was yesterday drawing up a verdict at Elizabeth, the county seat of Bryan county, Ga., declaring W. E. Simms guilty of murder, the out-law, heavily armed, strode into the courthouse where the jury was at work, waited till the verdict was written out, then snatched it from the foreman's hand and tore it up, meanwhile swearing that he would kill any man who ever aided in drawing up another verdict against him. Simms has created a reign of terror in Bryan county. In the last three weeks he has killed three men, and he declares that he intends to kill others. Many persons have sought safety in flight, rather than take a chance of being killed by the desperado. All of the witnesses who testified in the courthouse against Simms have left Elizabeth, where Simms is guarding himself from attack from the officers and where he declares he will eventually kill all who have given the officers any information. The sheriff seems to be powerless, and the governor has been asked to order troops to the county to put an end to the terror existing. Simms comes of a prominent family, and has relatives all through the county.

A Remedy Without a Peer.

"I find Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets more beneficial than any other remedy I ever used for stomach trouble," says J. P. Klotz, of Edina, Mo. For any disorder of the stomach, biliousness or constipation, these Tablets are without a peer. For sale by Gibson & Timberman and W. F. Creighton & Co.

Virginia News.

William R. Willis, a prominent retired business man, dropped dead at his home in Winchester after rising yesterday morning. He was about fifty-eight years old.

Miss Annie Laura Shelham and Mr. Thomas McNolan Jones, a runaway couple from Buena Vista, were married in Hagerstown, Md., yesterday, a few minutes after the midnight hour.

There is a rumor that Rev. Dr. W. E. Evans, of Richmond, will be called to Christ Church, Norfolk, and members of the congregation have expressed a preference for him as the successor of Rev. Carl E. Grammes, who has resigned to go to Philadelphia.

Mary Thomas, colored, was buried in Norfolk Tuesday. Her relatives declare that she was born in Perquimans county, North Carolina, August 5, 1792, and that she was 113 when she died. She had lived in Norfolk since 1862, when she came within the federal lines during the war.

The annual session of Westmoreland Camp of Confederate Veterans was held at Montross yesterday, about 700 persons being present. Dr. M. M. Walker introduced the speakers—Major Robert W. Hunter, of Winchester, and Mr. W. B. Sanders, of White Stone, Lancaster county. A sumptuous dinner was served.

Miss Alice Hall, daughter of C. W. Hall, of Beaver Dam, was struck by a Chesapeake and Ohio train while out driving yesterday afternoon. Her hip was broken and she was injured internally, besides receiving a serious scalp wound that may prove to be a fracture. She was operated on last night, but is not expected to live until morning.

The colored insurance investigators have at last submitted their report, which gives the exact strength and standing of the colored insurance companies of the State. Several of the companies were found not to be reliable and were asked to discontinue business. There were twelve companies in the State, and of this number only six will continue operation.

According to the report of an expert who has made a thorough examination of the Richmond gas works there is danger of an entire collapse of the plant at any time, shutting off the city's supply almost indefinitely. The plant was built when Richmond was about half its present size. It is said that \$1,500,000 will be required to put the plant into proper condition.

The jury in the case of the Commonwealth against Raleigh B. Dawson, the Pittsylvania county merchant, who was charged with attempting a criminal assault upon Bessie Shelton, a 16-year-old deaf and dumb girl in Lynchburg on June 15 last, returned a verdict yesterday morning, giving the accused a term of six months in the city jail for a common assault.

A shot was fired at Reverend and Mrs. J. S. Ryland while they were driving along the road in Caroline county a day or two ago. The shot went through the curtain of the buggy and some of them lodged in the shoulder of both Mrs. Ryland and Mr. Ryland. They hurried home and summoned the doctor. Their injuries, however, were not serious. The shooting is supposed to have been done by some drunken person.

Rev. Calvin J. Racey, a well-known minister of the United Brethren Church, was the victim of an accident yesterday at Whitacre, Frederick county, which, it is feared, will prove fatal. His left arm was torn off near the shoulder. After sharpening an axe at W. C. Whitacre's mill, Mr. Racey attempted to straighten a tangled belt. He was drawn into the machinery and whirled around the shaft and pulley with frightful velocity. A mill hand, hearing his agonizing cries, stopped the machinery. Three doctors amputated the mangled stump yesterday evening.

Riots in Budapest.

Between 40 and 50 persons were injured in riots at Budapest, Hungary yesterday evening, when socialists and adherents of the coalition parties, including students, clashed opposite the Royal Hotel, and for two hours there were scenes of tremendous excitement. The Royal Hotel is the headquarters of the Independence Club, in which the council room of the coalition leaders is located.

The students and other supporters of the coalition had arranged for a gigantic torchlight procession last night, but during the day the socialists issued inflammatory proclamations calling on all socialists and others opposed to the coalition to gather and fight for their rights, which they said the coalition was trying to sidetrack under cover of an alleged affront by the King Emperor to the whole nation. Owing to these proclamations the coalition leaders decided to postpone the torchlight procession, seeking thus to avoid bloodshed.

At 8 o'clock about 1,500 socialists gathered outside the Independence Club and announced their intention of entering and tearing down the council room. A large force of police was present and was assisted by 150 prominent citizens.

The committee of the coalitionists has issued a manifesto to the nation in reply to the programme submitted to its leaders by the Emperor King. The manifesto declares that some points of his Majesty's programme are not in conformity with the constitution, referring especially to his contention that the question of the language of command in the Hungarian army must be entirely eliminated from discussion. It is asserted that this is equivalent to the assertion of the nation's right to control its own affairs, for which there is no legal authority.

The newspapers characterize the statements of the Austrian Premier, Baron Gauth von Frackenthurn, in the Reichsrath Tuesday as unwarrantable interference with Hungary's internal affairs.

The old trouble between Hungary and Austria, between the Magyars and the Germans, with which Emperor Francis Joseph has had to contend ever since he mounted the throne, nearly 60 years ago, and which was not new then, has reached a particularly acute stage and may result in the long-threatened disruption of Austria-Hungary, although such an event may not be in the plans of the leaders in the present struggle.

Starting Mortality.

Statistics show startling mortality, from appendicitis and peritonitis. To prevent and cure these awful diseases, there is just one reliable remedy, Dr. King's New Life Pills. E. Flannery, of 14 Custom House Place, Chicago, says: "They have no equal for Constipation and Biliousness." 25c at E. S. Leadbeater, & Sons, druggists.

Today's Telegraphic News.

Final Meeting.

Paris, Sept. 28.—The final meeting between M. Revoll, the French representative, who has been in charge of the negotiations in regard to the proposed international conference on Moroccan affairs, and Dr. Rosen, the German Minister to Morocco, has been announced for this afternoon. It is expected that after their conference Premier Rouvier will receive both diplomats and the agreement reached by France and Germany on the subject will be signed.

Paris, Sept. 28.—An official announcement was made today that an agreement had been reached with Germany on the Moroccan question.

Paris, Sept. 28.—The formal announcement of the agreement between Germany and France in regard to Morocco, outlining the programme of reforms to be considered at the proposed conference of the powers, was signed this afternoon. The text of the agreement as it has been set out, gives the greatest satisfaction here as the outcome of the negotiations is regarded as a complete diplomatic victory for France, inasmuch as she gains all the points on which she took issue with Germany. On the other hand, the view is held that Germany has allowed herself to be placed in an absurd position. She insisted upon certain conditions almost to the point of causing a rupture of friendly relations with France, and then graciously acceded to the French demands.

Berlin, Sept. 28.—The claim is made here that Germany made extensive concessions to secure the peaceful agreement today with France in regard to Morocco. In the negotiations just closed it is asserted that Germany assumed the role of a self-sacrificing apostle of peace. It is certain that Germany conceded more than France did in order to settle the long pending disputes which threatened at times to become serious. Germany's aim, apparently, is to conciliate France on the Moroccan question, which is of minor importance, in the hope of paving the way for a general rapprochement which will be favorable to her desire to form a coalition of the powers to offset the recent Anglo-Japanese alliance.

Destruction of a Steamer.

Port Said, Egypt, Sept. 28.—The British steamer Chatham which was sunk in the canal on September 6, because she was on fire and a quantity of dynamite in her hold threatened to explode, was blown up this morning. Two mines containing 500 pounds of gelatine dynamite were placed under the vessel and were exploded by electricity from a point three miles away. Ninety tons of dynamite were in the hull of the Chatham and a terrific explosion followed. The vessel was blown to pieces. The wreckage now entirely blocks the canal and all traffic has been stopped. It is believed that little damage was done to the canal, although it had been feared that the bed would be badly injured by such a tremendous explosion. Further particulars giving exact details, however, are awaited with the greatest anxiety. The explosion occurred at a point twelve miles from here and a train bearing newspaper correspondents has been sent to the spot.

It is hoped to reopen the Suez canal within four days as the wreckage is being cleared away. The closing of the canal, to avoid all danger during the blowing up of the Chatham has caused a great congestion of shipping, resulting in immense loss and sending the prices of goods up 50 per cent. Late reports received from the scene of the explosion indicate that the canal was not badly damaged, by the blowing up of the vessel.

M. Witte Reaches Home.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 28.—M. Witte arrived home at 8.26 this morning at an hour when most of the citizens of St. Petersburg were asleep. The railway station was filled with officials of the Ministry of Finance and with personal friends of the peace envoys and many newspaper men, but there were no crowds in the streets to greet the returning statesman who had brought peace to his country. M. Witte proceeded at once to his home, where he was joyously greeted by Madame Witte. He was the recipient of numerous floral offerings, which had been sent to his home. The unusually cordial reception which was accorded to M. Witte by the Kaiser, during the envoy's visit to the German ruler, has made a deeper impression here than did all of M. Witte's work at Portsmouth. His enemies have been frightened by the Kaiser's very evident friendship for him, and even the Czar has been greatly impressed by the high favor in which M. Witte is held by Emperor William.

Before leaving the station M. Witte made a short address to the officials and friends who had gathered to greet him. As the envoy descended from the train, the spokesman of the crowd made a short speech expressing the appreciation of the people for his services in concluding the war. M. Witte made a suitable response.

Steamer Launched.

Belfast, Ireland, Sept. 28.—The new steamer of the Holland-American line, the New Amsterdam, of 17,000 tons, was launched today at the yards of Harland & Wolff, and her dip into the water was marked by many exciting incidents. A strong wind drove the vessel up the river and she ran down a buoy. She then drifted ashore, and when got off, struck the pier head wall, completely blocking the river until tugs could secure her. One man was badly injured during the launching. The New Amsterdam is of 12,000 horse power, and it is expected that she will have a speed of seventeen knots. She is 600 feet in length, and has a beam of sixty-six feet.

Letter to Prof. Blackford.

Alexandria, Va.
Dear Sir: Why don't we make paint, as many others do, go three-quarters as far, or two-thirds, or half, or a third, or a quarter? Mr. Aaron Higgins, Plainfield, N. J., always used 75 gallons of paint for his house; Devoe took 11.

There are two sorts of paint; all paint, true paint, strong paint, full-measure; and part paint, false paint, weak paint, short-measure. The paint-manufacturers are two sorts: Devoe and the rest.

Yours truly, F. W. DEVOE & CO.

P. S.—E. S. Leadbeater & Sons sell our paint.

DIED.

On Wednesday, September 27, at 8:40 p. m., LUCILLE ADELE TOY, daughter of the late R. J. and Ida V. Toy (nee Miller), aged 3 years and 9 days. Of such is the kingdom of heaven. Funeral will take place Friday at 3:30 p. m., from the residence of her grandfather, J. R. Miller, 624 South Patrick street. Interment private.

From Richmond.

(Special Dispatch to the Alexandria Gazette.)
Richmond, Va., Sept. 28.—The grand jury reported to Judge Witt today in the election fraud cases and were unable to find further true bills. This ends the matter, and all nominations made in the primary will stand.
Mr. Willard has just made a handsome contribution to the democratic campaign fund, the amount of which requires four figures to state. Mr. Willard will succeed Mr. Fairfax as corporation commissioner Monday.

Boy Kidnapped.

New York, Sept. 28.—The police and detectives of Brooklyn today are seeking trace of Antonio Mareanina, the six-year-old son of a merchant: living at No. 556 Seventeenth street. Mareanina, who is employed by Michael J. Daby, a contractor, is regarded by his neighbors as well off. The police are taking unusual interest in the case, as the boy is a cousin of Antonio Mannino, who was kidnapped in practically the same manner about a year ago. The demands for ransom money in both cases have been identical, and it is thought the same gang is blame for both kidnappings. Since the disappearance of his boy Mareanina has received four letters. The first demanded \$500 for the return of the child. The last letter received said that unless the money was paid, and quickly, the boy could be "sent home in a box". The boy disappeared about noon Sunday. He was playing in the street with several companions when, the other children, called the boy to the corner of Fifth avenue and Seventeenth street. The boy went around the corner with the men and that was the last seen of him. The children were able to give only a poor description of the men to the police, who kept the matter quiet until today.

The Currency.

Cleveland, Ohio, Sept. 28.—Secretary Shaw speaking before the annual convention of the Ohio Bankers Association in this city today, said in part: "The fact, and I think it is a fact, that the United States has the best currency system in the world, does not imply that the currency system of the United States is perfect or that it cannot be improved. It is as safe as any system in the world because it is established on the only safe basis known to man, the gold standard. 'The system is not perfect largely because it is nonelastic. It fails to respond in volume to the changing needs of seasons and localities. Attention has been called to this many times, and by many people. That there will be no further currency legislation until we shall have experienced a panic occasioned by this want of elasticity I am convinced.'

Subway Bar Closed.

New York, Sept. 28.—The "Subway Tavern," which was opened with prayer by Bishop Potter a year ago, was closed yesterday with picturesque language by the owner, W. H. Skidmore, who, on September 1, essayed to convert the place from a sanctified boozery to a plain hard-finish ginmill. He threw up his hands at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon, paid off his manager and bartender, locked the doors and walked away. "The business wouldn't pay," declared Mr. Skidmore. "It wouldn't pay with a blessing on it, and it wouldn't pay after we pushed the blessing off. I had to keep moving up and down all the time to prevent cobwebs from forming between the walls. No more building up broken-down Gospel thirst parlors for mine."

Rumor Discredited.

Liverpool, Sept. 28.—There is a disposition in shipping circles to discredit the reports given out yesterday to the effect that an Anglo-Japanese ship owner and carrying combination has been arranged. According to these reports the combine will have a capital of \$325,000,000, and proposes to operate some forty steamers between Japan and Liverpool, Antwerp, London, and certain French ports. Men who are interested in shipping affairs decline to place any reliance in the rumors.

Mrs. Roosevelt.

Bridgeport, Conn., Sept. 28.—Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt, wife of the President, arrived in the city this morning on the 12:27 a. m. train on her return from Boston, where she has been the past few days looking after the interests of her son, Theodore, jr., who has taken up his studies at Harvard University. A detail of police escorted Mrs. Roosevelt to the landing, where Captain Evans, of the Sylph, was in waiting with a launch. The Sylph left at daybreak for Oyster Bay.

Subornation of Perjury.

Portland, Oregon, Sept. 28.—John Newton Williamson, representative in Congress from Oregon; Dr. Van Gesner, his partner, and Marion R. Biggs, their friend and the United States Commissioner for the General Land Office at Prineville, were found guilty by a jury late last night of the charge of conspiracy to suborn perjury. The penalty for the offense is a fine of not less than \$1,000, and not more than \$10,000, and imprisonment not more than two years.

Suicide of Letter Carrier.

Utica, N. Y., Sept. 28.—Frederick C. Hope, for nearly a score of years a letter carrier in this city, and who was last week arrested for robbing the mails, committed suicide on a street corner in this city this morning by drinking carbolic acid. Two letters addressed to the corner were found in Hope's coat pocket, in both of which the suicide expressed his regret at having been delinquent to his trust as a mail carrier. The letters went on further to state that whisky was to blame for his downfall.

Another Advance in Oil.

Pittsburg, Pa., Sept. 28.—The Standard Oil Company's purchasing agents this morning announced the following advance on all grades of oil: Bona, \$1.41; Pennsylvania, \$1.51; Pennsylvania seconds, 90c; Cuyahoga, \$1.33; Corning, \$1.08; Cabell county, \$1.16; North Lima, 94c; South Lima and Indiana, 80c; Somerset, 82c.

Treaty Produces Bad Impression.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 28.—The Anglo-Japanese treaty has produced a bad impression here. The newspapers express the hope that Russia will now ally herself with Germany in order to counterbalance the alliance between Great Britain and Japan, which is considered to be aimed at the former nations.

Always Successful.

When indigestion becomes chronic it is dangerous. Kodol Dyspepsia Cure will cure indigestion and all troubles resulting therefrom preventing Catarrh of the Stomach. Dr. Newbrough of League, W. Va., says: "Those suffering from indigestion or sour stomach I would say there is no better remedy than Kodol Dyspepsia Cure. I have prescribed it for a number of my patients with what you call makes the stomach sweet. Sold by W. E. Creighton & Co., 401 King street."

The Market.

Georgetown, Sept. 28.—Wheat 60.80.

DRY GOODS.

Lansburgh & Bro.

Washington's Favorite Store.

Our business hours from now on—8 a. m. to 6 p. m.

Special Values in BLANKETS.

At \$2.98 11-4 Full-size White Wool Blanket; fine long nap; very warm and durable; red, blue, and pink borders. \$5.50 value.

At \$3.98 11-4 Full-size White Wool Blanket; made of good material; finished in a very fine manner. Wide silk binding, all borders. \$4.50 value.

At \$4.25 11-4 All-wool Blanket; comes in gray,